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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Howard Fein, M.D.  
Application No.: 09/919,102  
Filed: July 31, 2001  
Art Unit: 1651  
Confirmation No.: 2446  
Examiner: Jean C. Witz  
Title: **SELECTIVE ENZYME TREATMENT OF SKIN CONDITIONS**  
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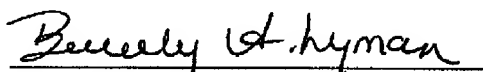
In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003 in the above-referenced application, applicant elects with traverse Group 1 (method claims 1-2, 4-10, 24-63). Applicant further elects the enzyme species of trypsin (recited in claim 9), and condition species of seborrheic keratosis (recited in claim 43).

Applicant also respectfully responds to the Examiner's statements in the Office Action at page 3, last paragraph. Applicant's reference to "nonspecific damage" responded to the Examiner's mention of the alpha-hydroxy acids. Applicant simply distinguished the alpha-hydroxy acids, asserted by the Examiner, from the claimed methods. Further, applicant maintains that such a distinction is germane; the claims recite selective treatment.

Applicant knows of no fee due with this submission, as January 4, 2004 was a Sunday. However, if any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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